

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 339
By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Fred Holtzclaw, Oak Ridge High School advanced placement biology instructor on being chosen to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize teachers who motivate students to reach their fullest potential thus ensuring a bright future for our young people; and

WHEREAS, Fred Holtzclaw, a highly regarded Oak Ridge High School advanced placement biology instructor, who recently was selected to receive the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching, is one such exemplary professional; and

WHEREAS, the award, which includes a \$7,500 grant and a Presidential Citation, is given by the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the National Science Foundation selects the elite group of honorees based on their teaching performance, experience, education and related professional activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzclaw will use the grant money to improve his students' laboratory, which has needs in the molecular genetics and cell biology areas; and

WHEREAS, Fred Holtzclaw's laboratory is a testament to the quality of his teaching and his concern for his students and their education. His students perform complicated scientific

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procedures, such as genetic crossing of plants and electrofreezes. He also offers his

students learning opportunities outside the classroom, taking them on field trips once a month; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with another teacher from Anderson County, this talented instructor operates the Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization; and

WHEREAS, Fred Holtzclaw has appropriately said: "Often, the purpose of science education is emulating real science. The question has to be, 'why emulate real science when you can do it' "; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzclaw will receive the award in Washington during the week of June 24-28, 1997; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and commend Fred Holtzclaw, one of our best and brightest teachers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Fred Holtzclaw on being named a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching recipient and wish him success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.